

**In-Home Supportive Services Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Feb 4, 2009**

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Randy Schlecht, Barbara Chastain,
Angela Nwokike, Kim Risser, Caroline
Von Flue, Roy Reynolds, Nelma
Fennimore, Patricia Dotson-Moss,
Mary Gillion, Roy Reynolds, GG
Crawley, John Anaya

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Patti Strauch, Bernard Domroy,
Sharon Swayer, Renee Magsino, Tom
Csekey

ALTERNATE MEMBERS

Sheila Brown, Noriene Mangold

IHSS PA & DAAS ADMIN STAFF

Linda Nelson-Staff Analyst II
Colleen Krygier DAAS Director
Lori Beegle DAAS Executive Secretary
Helen Lopez- PA Director
Sean Jara- Provider Services
Rosa Hidalgo- Registry
Ruth G. Diaz- PA Staff
Lupe Diaz – Paycheck Customer
Service

1. Call to Order

Angela Called Meeting to Order at
9:35 am

**2. Approve Minutes for January 7,
2009 Advisory Committee**

Action(s)

Minutes approved as Corrected
G.G/Patricia (M/S/C)

Approved as revised

MEMBERS ABSENT

**3. Additions/Changes to Agenda
Items**

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- #9 D Change to committee name from Awareness/Outreach to Outreach/Awareness.

4. Public Comment on Agenda Items

None

5. Chair's Report

Angela Nwokike- Not much to report other than SSI and SDI funds will not be cut off this year. We don't know about next year yet but those of us on it can be happy we are still on. We have to reach out to Sacramento and tell them what's going on and keep fighting until something gets done.

6. IHSS Public Authority

A. Helen Lopez- State budget...Not much to report, the state budget is still stalled and there is no money. The State Controllers office has said there will be IOU's sent since it can't pay the state returns. San Bernardino County is in a little better place than other county's so providers at this point will get paid. I thought by this meeting something would give and nothing has. Regarding health benefits, we are trying to come to some agreement on a new health benefits provider. We have heard some very good proposals. One of the new proposals we have come across offers the possibility for people on the waiting list to do a buy-in; meaning providers would get a pared down version of health benefits, at we hope a \$100.00 dollars a month.

Hopefully next month we will have something new to report on a new

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health benefits provider. The proposals are under \$200 a month per person, almost a 20% savings allowing us to put 20% more people on health benefits, these benefits are as good if not better. SEIU has changed as in they have become a state wide union instead of smaller, separate chapters. On the subject of in-home care verses a facility, it is not cheaper for the county to put people into facilities but it is for the state since the county has to pay when they are in facilities verses the state paying for in-home care.

B. Rosa Hidalgo-

We have good news concerning the registry. We are opening it in April, but there is a change to the criteria. There is one more qualification being added to become a registry provider. They have to have at least 6 months experience of home health or home care. Clients are asking for providers with more experience, we are going to test it to see how that goes. If we have a higher number of providers then San Bernardino will be the last one to open. I will bring in a flyer for the next meeting with the information. As far as positions, we're fully staffed. We have the Registry Manager position vacant, which we are working on at this moment.

C. Myette Christian-

I don't have any report from the training unit except that Freddie Barrera who was in the Health Benefits Unit will now be assisting in the

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Training Unit at the Public Authority.
You can call training information line
for class schedules at (909)386-3067
it's a recording with the dates of the
trainings.

D. Sean Jara-

Regarding benefits, I think the
increased coverage at a lower cost is a
better plan since we will be able to
cover more people. I'm also looking
forward to the many resources that
providers will be able to use as it
becomes available in some of the new
plans. We have a new Paychecks
Customer Service employee, Lupe
Diaz who has taken over for Freddie
Barrera. During the holidays in
February, we had an issue with time
sheet delays. We received 200 plus
phone calls per day due to the delays.
We now have an email address to
send inquiries to:
ihsspaycheck@hss.county.gov. The
Public Authority is still on target to
relocate to the Mill/Lena campus in
June or July.

6. DAAS Services Report

A. Colleen Krygier-

G.G reported on behalf of Colleen.
IHSS case statistics were distributed
and explained. The payroll system is
being updated and will change to
CMIPS II (Case Management
Information Payroll System).

The time line for our county I think is
June 2010. The biggest change for
our providers is that the timesheets will
have to be mailed by the providers to a

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processing center in Chico, instead of being dropped off with IHSS.

7. Break

11:00am-11:15am

8. Sandra Walker: Discussed the Survey with the AC members.

9. Committee Reports-

A. Finance Committee Report-

There is not much to report we don't know what to spend the money on.

B. Legislative Committee Report-

- A handout was passed out on the new bills, as follows:
 - Affordable housing, if there are any comments they should be given to Linda Nelson and she will forward them.
 - The governor is proposing sales tax charges for companion pets or certified companion pets when taken to the vet.
 - In Washington, the democrats are negotiating to bring the prices down on the prescriptions by 20% to 30%.
 - Assembly bill SB 110 is the same as bill 2038 from last year, it involves victims of crime and disabled people

This bill has a lot of language and no guts to it, but they are trying to fix it up.

- The fifth issue is that the Good Samaritan law applies only to emergency medical care. For example, in case of an

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earthquake a trained person cannot help move you only medically assist you.

- As of January 1 a lot of prior drug plans are not notifying people and enrolling them with sister companies but these companies might not have the same requirements, and doctors might have to fill out insurance forms, the best thing to do is for people to call their prescription drug plans to make sure they still exist.
- DMV hours will be cut due to funding and every other Friday's they will be closed.

If any of you have something you want added to the legislative report please email Caroline no later than the last Thursday of the month so a summary can be made and brought in. Please include a phone number to reach you.

C. Goals Committee-
No report

D. Outreach/Awareness Committee
Report- We would like an update on the website for the advisory committee. We would like for Mike Lundgren to come back and speak and a date set for the health fair?

10. Old Business

A. Discussion of future AC presentations.

B. Mike Lundgren will come as a guest speaker; he will be here April 1st.

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11. New Business-

A. Identify agencies or media where information about the Advisory Committee Meeting to encourage public attendance and participation.

12. Public Comment

No comment

13. Next Meeting

Next Meeting is March 4, 2009 DAAS
Conference Room A/B 686 E. Mill
Street San Bernardino, CA 92415

14. Adjournment

12:17p

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